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Subject: SE Portland Air Quality

Categories: Glass Air Toxics

Dear EPA Officials for the Oregon and Region,

I am writing in regards to the Arsenic and Cadmium air (and likely soil) pollution in SE Portland. I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner practicing in SE Portland, caring for many children within the affected areas. I am also a mother to children raised in the affected areas. As you know, families are extremely, and appropriately, concerned about the long-term health effects of these pollutants.

I have been keeping apprised of this situation closely- discussing with my Environmental Health Colleagues at the U of W Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit to help guide care for these affected children. To that end, we need more information – we need to know the track record of Bullseye and Uroboros Glass pollutant outputs. It is my understanding that DEQ does not have this information (which itself raises many concerns). I believe that Bullseye and Uroboros do have this information. If not directly, they should be able to indirectly estimate the amounts of pollutants they have been using and/or emitting. The purchasing records (how much arsenic & cadmium have they bought monthly over the last X years?) may be a good starting point. I implore you to gather and publicly publish this information so that Healthcare Providers can appropriately determine risk to patient health.

Secondly, as the Environmental Protection Agency, you are charged with protecting the public. It appears that regulation is lacking in this area—and likely not limited to air pollution but also including water, soil and more within our urban environment. I strongly urge you to immediately and persistently advocate for and implement wickedly tougher environmental laws- ones that reflect the strong love for human and ecosystem health that Portlanders – and Oregonians – desire and need.

To summarize, I am asking you to:

(1) obtain and publicly publish information on Bullseye & Uroboros arsenic and cadmium use and emissions. If not direct quantified data, then indirect data such as financial records.

(2) Immediately and persistently advocate for wickedly tough environmental laws.

Thank you and I look forward to a response,

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